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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Montagnino et al.

Application No.: 10/649,155

Confirmation No.: 5005

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Examiner: Randy W. Gibson

Art Unit: 2841

For: BEAM SCALE WITH USER FRIENDLY
FEATURES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT ACTION MAILED 9/10/2004

Dear Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed September 10, 2004. The original period for response is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of the Official Action. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a four (4) month extension of time and the necessary fee. Accordingly, the time period for response is extended to February 10, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement made in the Office Action in view of the remarks made therein.

REMARKS

Summary of Action:

Examiner has divided the present application into the following three (3) inventions, as defined by the claims:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a height measuring assembly for a sliding weight beam weighing scale;
- II. Claims 9 and 10, drawn to a weighing scale with sound-damping wheels; and
- III. Claims 11-19, drawn to a quick assembly mechanism for a weighing scale.